

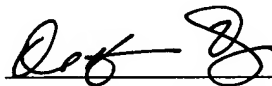


Applicants note that claims 1-6 refer to a shape memory alloy of a particular martensitic transformation temperature. The process recited in claims 7-12 for lowering is specific to the shape memory alloy of a particular martensitic transformation temperature, and this alloy has a particular composition with specific concentration ranges. Applicants note that a person skilled in the art can not assume that any shape memory alloy of any constitution would work in a similar fashion as the alloy of the instant application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and examine all the claims of the application.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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